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Descriptive Summary
Title: Elizabeth Elkus Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1925-1994
Collection number: ARCHIVES ELKUS 2
Creator: Elkus, Elizabeth Britton
Extent: Number of containers: 2 cartons (63 folders and 3 pamphlet boxes)
Repository: The Music Library
Berkeley, California 94720-6000
Shelf location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library’s online catalog.
Language: English.

Provenance
From the estate of Elizabeth Elkus. Given to the Music Library over a period of time (1994-present).

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Biography
Elizabeth Elkus (b. August 26, 1902; d. July 5, 1994) was born Florence Elizabeth Britton in London, England. After her first fiancé died, she moved to the United States where she met and soon married Albert Elkus in 1929. She helped her husband shape the musical life of the Bay Area by hosting many musicians and by creating a hospitable atmosphere for young musicians, even after Albert’s death in 1962. Elizabeth is most remembered for befriending, housing, and aiding students when they first arrived in Berkeley, many of whom went on to achieve success in their respective fields. She and Albert have two sons—Jonathan and Benedict.

**Scope and Content**
Includes personal correspondence from and to Elizabeth Elkus, various articles on and by friends of the Elkuses, photographs, date books, passports, and address books. There is much information on the UC Berkeley Music Department contained in the correspondence and other documents, and there are two historical recordings as well.

**Title:** Albert Israel Elkus Papers,
**Identifier/Call Number:** ARCHIVES MUSIC 1

**Title:** Albert Elkus Papers,
**Identifier/Call Number:** BANC MSS 73/18 c

**Title:** Jonathan Elkus Papers,
**Identifier/Call Number:** ARCHIVES ELKUS 3

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**SERIES 1: BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS**
Scope and Content Note
Interviews, articles.

**SERIES 2: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE**
Scope and Content Note
Mostly musicians, including well-known composers such as Arthur Bliss, Ernest Bloch and Nicola LeFanu.

**SERIES 3: MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**SERIES 4: OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**SERIES 5: MATERIALS RELATING TO ALBERT ELKUS**

**SERIES 6: MATERIALS RELATING TO FRIENDS**
Scope and Content Note
Newspaper clippings, etc.

**SERIES 7: SOUND RECORDINGS**

**SERIES 8: MISCELLANY**
Scope and Content Note
Includes date books, travel documents, etc.

**SERIES 1: BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS**

Box 1,
Folder 1 Interviews
Folder 2 Memorials
Folder 3 Oral History
Folder 4 Photographs of Elizabeth Elkus
Folder 5 Condolence letters and cards received by Ethel Mattison on Elizabeth Elkus’ death
Folder 6 A Britton family history prepared by Elizabeth Elkus and her sisters Helena and Ethel (photocopy of original typescript and manuscript)
SERIES 2: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Box Box 1 ,
Folder 7 Abraham, Gerald and Pat
Folder 8 Blacking, John
Folder 9 Bliss, Sir Arthur and Trudy (1942-53) -- photcopies; the originals have been transferred to Cambridge University, Bliss Archives.
Folder 10 Bliss, Sir Arthur and Trudy (1946-81)
Folder 11 Bliss, Sir Arthur and Trudy (1981-97)
Folder 12 Bloch, Ernest
Folder 13 Bradshaw; Richard, Diana, Jenny, And James
Folder 14 Brett, Philip
Folder 15 Britton, George and Helena (Elizabeth's parents), I -- photcopies and transcriptions (typewritten); bound in two volumes. Includes a brief family history.
Folder 16 Britton, George and Helena (Elizabeth's parents), II -- see above.
Folder 17 "Correspondence Record" (log of correspondents)
Folder 18 Cowell, Sidney Robertson
Folder 19 Curtis, Alan, Julia, and Daria
Folder 20 Denny, William
Folder 21 Dewar, Muriel
Folder 22 Dixon, Daniel
Folder 23 Duckles, Madeline
Folder 24 Fox, Malcolm
Folder 25 Harris, Fred and Mary
Folder 26 Holoman, Kern
Folder 27 LeFanu, Nicola
Folder 28 Levine, Cornelia and Lawrence
Folder 29 Mack, Dana
Folder 30 Meikeljohn, Helen
Folder 31 Milhaud, Madeleine
Folder 32 Moroney, Davitt
Folder 33 Music Department
Folder 34 Olshauser, Detlev
Folder 35 Thompson, Meredith
Folder 36 Unidentified Correspondent

SERIES 3: MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Box Box 1 ,
Folder 37 Articles by and about EE's Friends in the Music Department
Folder 38 Articles on Music Department
Folder 39 Concert Programs
Folder 40 Miscellaneous
Folder 41 Thirty Years of Hertz Hall

SERIES 4: OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Scope and Content Note
These are organizations to which she had donated money or participated. These folders include pamphlets, letters, and other documents.

Box Box 1 ,
Folder 42 Ann Martin's Children's Center
Folder 43 Consumer's Cooperative of Berkeley
Folder 44 Friends of Madi Bacon
Folder 45 Gertrude Jones Memorial (Children's Hospital)
Folder 46 Kahn Foundation, I
Folder 47 Kahn Foundation, II
Box Box 2 ,
Folder 1 Kahn Foundation/Magnes Museum
Folder 2 Mills College
SERIES 5: MATERIAL RELATING TO ALBERT ELKUS

Box Box 2, Folder 3
A.I.E. Biography
Folder 4
Albert Elkus Room Naming

SERIES 6: MATERIALS RELATING TO FRIENDS
Scope and Content Note
Newspaper Clippings, articles, etc

Box Box 2, Folder 5
Bacon, Ernst and Madi
Folder 6
Elman, Mischa
Folder 7
Jenkins, David
Folder 8
Rosen, Jerome
Folder 9
Salz, Helen
Folder 10
Schneider, David
Folder 11
Sears, Christine
Folder 12
Weymouth, John M.

SERIES 7: SOUND RECORDINGS

Box Box 2, Folder 13
Celebrating Albert Bender (cassette and article)
Folder 14
90th Birthday Salute to Rebecca Clarke Friskin -- reel-to-reel tape

SERIES 8: MISCELLANY

Box Box 2, Folder 15
"Friends Who Called"
Folder 16
Miscellaneous
Folder 17
"The Peat Bog Soldiers"--sheet music
Folder 18
"Travel Documents"

pam Pam Box 1
Passports: 1925-1983
3 address books
1 Ration Book (1946)

pam Pam Box 2

pam Pam Box 3